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SUBJECT: PROBABLE COMPOSITION OF ISRAELI DELEGATION TO LONDON TALKS

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1. FONMIN DAYAN TOLD ME SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT IF THE LONDON TALKS TOOK PLACE HE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE WITH HIM HIS LEGAL ADVISER, MEIR ROSENNE, ATTORNEY GENERAL BARAK, AND DAYAN'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, ELY RUBINSTEIN, I SUSPECT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE HIS PRESS SPOKESMAN, NAPHTALI LAU-LAVIE, AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER FONMIN OFFICIAL.

2. IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO DISCUSS MAKE-UP OF ISRAELI DELEGATION WITH EGYPTIANS UNTIL AFTER ISRAELI CABINET MEETS ON SUNDAY TO TAKE A FORMAL DECISION ABOUT DAYAN'S ATTENDANCE AT LONDON. RECENT EVENTS IN LEBANON, PLUS PRESS STORIES TO EFFECT ISRAEL CERTAINLY WILL PARTICIPATE AT LONDON, ARE COMBINING HERE AT THE MOMENT TO RAISE SECOND THOUGHTS AMONG SOME CABINET MEMBERS --PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF WHAT IS PERCEIVED TO BE IMPOSSIBLY HARDLINE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL. I REMAIN COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT DAYAN WILL GO TO LONDON, BUT ANY PUBLIC SPECULATION
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FROM CAIRO ABOUT THE DELEGATION BEFORE THE DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN COULD MUDDY THE WATERS.
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